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March 3, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas
Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of North Carolina, and proposes deployment as follows

Proposed Service Area

Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation proposes to build out broadband to 9,408 unserved premises within the regulated service territory. The unserved premises are located in Davie, Iredell, and Yadkin counties of North Carolina.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 3 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream provided over Copper Pair ADSL 2+ or Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 50 Mbps downstream/25 Mbps upstream provided over FTTH GPON.

Funding

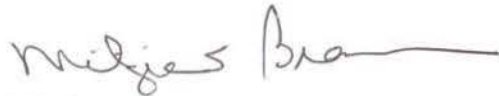
Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation estimates construction costs to be a total of \$26,940,210. Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation requests \$26,940,210 in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding.

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within 5 years after construction starts.

Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mitzie Branon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mitzie S. Branon
Chief Executive Officer